of rates to be charged by the Great Western Railway Company for passenger and freight traffic upon the said Railway, shall not exceed the tariff of rates of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company at the time of the said agreement for like service." We would therefore recommend this corporation to petition the Ontario Legislature, at its next session, and also to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to have the special act above referred to, passed with the clause so omitted by error in said agreement inserted in said act, declaring said clause shall form and be considered as being part of said original agreement, as if the same had been inserted in said agreement, and would also submit to your Council the annexed petition as the draft petition to be forwarded for presentation to the Ontario Legislature, in accordance therewith.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled—

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of London—

Sheweth—1st. Your petitioners are the owners of a large amount of stock in the London & Port Stanley Railway Company, and are also the holders and owners of bonds of the said Company for the payment of a large sum of money and interest thereon secured by mortgages upon the property of the said Company, and they are also greatly interested in the traffic of the said railway which runs between the city of London and Lake Erie.

2nd. An agreement dated the 1st day of September, A. D., 1872, was made between the said Company and the Great Western Railway Company for the working of, and by the latter Company of the said railway, for a term of years upon certain terms and conditions, and subject to the payment of a sum of money annually.

3rd. It was intended that one of the terms of the said agreement should have been that the tariff of rates to be charged by the Great Western Railway Co. for passenger and freight traffic upon the said railway during the term should not exceed the tariff of rates of the London & Port Stanley Railway Company at the time of the said agreement for like service, but by an error such a provision was not incorporated in the agreement.

4th. A provision in the said agreement in the terms so omitted will be of great advantage to your petitioners, and to all others having occasion to use the said railway.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that an Act may be passed amending the said agreement as above mentioned.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

The report was received and adopted, after short explanations.

CHANGING NAMES OF STREETS.

The by-law to change the name of Market street to that of Josephine street was then read.

Ald. McBride moved, seconded by Ald. Leonard, that the word Josephine be expunged and the name Albert be inserted instead.

After a humorous discussion, during which several motions were lost, a resolution to let the name (Market Street) stand was carried by a large majority.

The Board then adjourned.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, 19th January, 1874.

"HERALD" REPORT.

The first meeting of the new board of aldermen for 1874, was held at 11 a. m., to-day, in the council chamber. The following members having signed their declaration of office, took their seats at the council board: From No. 1 Ward, McDonald, Moffat, and R. Pritchard. No. 2 Beattie, Cowan and Kingsmill. No. 3, Starr, McPhail, Farris. No. 4, Murray, Leonard, Andrus. No. 5, Rapley, Magee, Kearns. No. 6, Christie, Williams and Lewis. No. 7, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., and J. R. Peel.

The city clerk read the election returns for 1874, for mayor and board of aldermen.

Mayor McCormick, amid applause, introduced Mr. B. Cronyn as the mayor elect for 1874. (Cheers.) His Worship then took possession of the mayor's chair, and the regular business was proceeded with.

The minutes were then read by the clerk, Mr. Abbott, and adopted.

An application was read from Mr. A G. Smyth, requesting the appointment of auditor.

Ald. McDonald moved, seconded by Ald. Partridge, jr., that Mr. A. G. Smyth be appointed auditor. Carried.

His Worship nominated Mr. W. F. Bullen, of the Ontario Savings Society, as the other auditor.

Ald. Moffat moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the following aldermen constitute the committee to strike standing committees for the current year, namely: No. 1 Ward, Ald. Moffat; No. 2, Ald. Beattie; No. 3, Ald. Starr; No. 4, Ald. Murray; No. 5, Ald. Rapley; No. 6, Ald. Christie; No. 7, Ald. Partridge, jr.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Ald. McDonald moved, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that the council adjourn until 7.30 this evening. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The council resumed in the council chamber, at 7.30 p. m. Present—His Worship the Mayor, in the chair, and Ald. Macdonald, Moffat, Pritchard, Beattie, Cowan, Kingsmill, Starr, Farris, Murray, Andrus, Magee, Kearn, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Peel, Partridge sr., Partridge, jr., Leonard, McPhail and Williams.

The following communications were here received:

From the ladies of the St James' Westminster Episcopal Church, asking for the use of the City Hall, on the 4th February next. Granted, on payment of current expenses.

From James Bruce asking for the use of the city hall on the 28th inst.

Referred to the chamberlain to grant if consistent with the present arrangements.

From the HERALD, *Free Press* and *Advertiser* printing offices in reference to the city printing. Referred to the printing committee.

An account for jury expenses from the county of Middlesex, amounting to $1,205 97, was referred to the finance committee.

The account of the various returning officers for the municipal elections of 1874, were submitted as follows:—

No. 1 Ward—Robt. Gunn, ...	$21.00
No. 2 Ward—W. McBride, ...	29.00
No. 3 Ward—Arthur Wallace, ...	22.00